



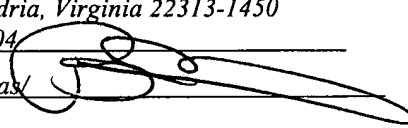
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REPLY TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION
MAILED ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2004

Sir:

This submission is in reply to the Office Communication mailed on September 21, 2004. In that Communication, the Examiner alleged that at least claims 1, 7, and 13-31 are not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173 and that support for the claim amendments must be provided.

In response, Applicants are resubmitting below a listing of the claims. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b)(2), a parenthetical expression follows each claim. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(d), matter to be omitted is enclosed in brackets and matter to be added is underlined.